A TRUE NARRATIVE OF THE Proceedings at the *Sessions-House* IN THE Old-Baily:

Beginning on the 11*th of this instant* July, 1677.

Wherein is contained the Tryal of the Woman for committing that odious sin of Buggery with a Dog; And likewise of the Man for Buggering of two Mares.

With the Tryal of the young Maid that poisoned her Mother, a Maid, and two Gentlewomen, and all the rest of the most remarkable Tryals there; with an Account how many are Condemned to die, how many Burn'd in the hand, to be Whip'd and Transported.

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The perfect Narrative of all Proceedings at the Seſſions for London *and* Middleſex, *begun on Wedneſday the* 11th *of* July, 1677.

ONe of the firſt and moſt talkt of Tryals at this Seſſions, was for ſuch an abominable Crime, attended with ſuch odious Circumſtances, as 'tis thought ſcarce any Story can parallel it, eſpecially in this our more modeſt and chaſter Climate, hitherto a ſtranger to ſuch unnatural wickedneſs; and we hope the Juſtice executed on this wretched Criminal will deter all others from any the like deteſtible inclinations for the future.

A married woman lately living without *Cripplegate*, that appeared to be between 30 and 40 years of age, was arrigned, For that ſhe having not the fear of God before her eyes, nor regarding the order of Nature, on the 23. of *June* laſt, to the diſgrace of all womankind, did commit Buggery with a certain Mungril Dog, and wickedly, divelliſhly, and againſt nature had venerial and Carnal copulation with him, *&c.* It was was proved that the Priſoner was a perſon of a lewd converſation, and lodging in a Room into which there were ſeveral holes to look in at from the next houſe, they had often ſeen her in the very acts of uncleanneſs with Villains that followed her; but one day one of the Witneſſes (a young woman) happening to caſt her

eye in, saw her use such actions with a Dog as are not fit here to be recited: At which being amazed, she called up another woman, and after that a man, who all saw her several times practising this beastliness; and fully evidenced the same in Court, where the Dog was likewise brought, add being set on the Bar before the Prisoner, owned her by wagging his tail, and making motions as it were to kiss her, which 'twas sworn she did do when she made that horrid use of him. For her self she had nothing to say, but denying the fact, alleadging it was mallice in the Witnesses, which her Husband, who appeared in her behalf likewise suggested, but could not make out any quarrel or occasion of any such malice in, the least; whereupon after full consideration of all circumstances she was brought in *Guilty*.

Yet cannot the *Bearded Sex*, though pretending to a stronger reason, justle on this unhappy President upbraid the *Weaker Vessels*, or tax them with this dishonor, for the very nezt Arraignment was of a fellow for Buggery of a Mare: The Evidence against him testified that they saw him in the feilds beyond *Shoreditch* on Sunday the 17th of *June* amongst the Bricke-kilns drive a white Mare to a small Heap of Bricks, which he had laid together, and there use most unnatural and bruitish Endeavors several times, and after that to another Bay Mare, But being near Threescore yards distant, they could not make that direct and possitive Proof which the Law exacts, so that he was acquitted on that Indictment. At the Bar he behaved himself as one Insensible scarbe speaking a word for himself, Save only that he did no harm, He confessed he lately came out of *Kent*, To seek as he said for work, and within 3 or 4 days after

after his comeing up was apprehended in this beastly Action.

The last Sessions an Antiant man keeping a Victualing house was Arraigned for stealing a black Mare, the Case was somewhat strange, on the 9th. of *May* last between 4. and 5. in the Morning a person leading this Mare, ties her to the Pales of this House and goes in to drink, and after one Pot goes away, pretending to come again presently, the Mare stood there till 4. a Clock in the afternoon, then the Victualer taks care of her gets her Cry'd puts her to grass and shortly after is taken on her back by the owner who thereupon Indicted him last Sessions, Two men who saw the person that brought her thither attending then to give Evidence on behalf of the Victualler, happened to see and seize one in the Sessions-House Yard (between the time of his Arraignment and Tryal) whom they said was the man that brought the Mare; whereupon the Court being ready to break up, the Victuallers Tryal was put off, and this person taken into Custody. The Witnesses now spoke home that he was the man, but he absolutely denying it, endeavouring to prove where he was that night, and several people of fashion attesting his former good Conversation, Credit, and Estate, and it not being improbable but the Witnesses might mistake one they never saw but once, and then only transciently without any occasion to take particular notice of him, the Jury thought fit to bring him Not Guilty; as likewise they did the said Victualler; but (according to the Proverb) *The man has his Mare again*, and all is well.

A Carman who unhappily run his Carr over a Childe in *Buſh-lane*, was indicted for Murder; but it appearing to be by the Child's accidental falling from a bench juſt as he was paſſing, without his ſeeing of it, or any default in him, he was acquitted.

A youug wench was Convicted fer ſtealing four ſmall Gold plates off a Silver ſmiths ſtall, whereof one was taken upon her.

A boy not above eleven years old being ſent by a Gentle man in his Maſters houſe up ſtairs to fetch a pair of Piſtols, not ſuſpecting them to be loaded, and thinking to frighten the ſervant maid, with flaſhing a little powder which was in the pan, diſcharged it, and thereby unhappily killed her, for which he was brought in guilty of Manſlaughter.

A Fellow being Indicted for ſtealing a piece of Cloath out of a Shop in Cheap-ſide, one of the witneſſes was a Porter, who could not directly prove the Felony? the other that could have done it, was a young man who out of a fooliſh Bigotry refuſed to take an oath: and after the Court had long endeavoured from Scripture and reaſon to anſwer all his erronious ſcruples, find him ſtill obſtinate, committed him to the Bail-Dock to be proceeded againſt and fined according to the Statute in that caſe provided; And his Maſter who was bound to proſecute being ſent for, he affronting the Court by putting on his Hat and the like inſolent Carriage, was committed to keep his man company till he ſhould find ſureties for his good behaviour; but in the mean time

time the Felon escaped, and wishes all the Town of this silly Religion.

An old notorious Offender indicted for breaking a house and stealing a flitch of Bacon and other things, for want of exact proof escaped thereupon; but it appeared he was lately transported on a conditional Pardon, and had come over within the time to practice his Roguries afresh, whereby his life was legally forfeited.

An Apprentice was indicted for stealing 80 *l.* from his Master; but it appearing that satisfaction had been already accepted, and that the sum imbezilled was far less, he was brought in only guilty to the value of 10 *d.*

A young man that occasioned the death of a man near *Bow* Church, in *Cheapside* in last *Whitson* Holy-days, took a tryal for the same, A woman that was in company with the person kill'd, swore that the Prisoner gave the first affront, by pushing by the other as they met; but three others witnessed that the deceased first quarrelled with and beat the Prisoner, and being like to choak him with pulling his Cravat, after several intreaties to be quiet, the Prisoner drew his sword, and without making any Pass, as they were struggling together, the Man unhappily received a mortal wound; which was brought in Manslaughter, and the Prisoner burn'd in the hand for the same.

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There succeeded a long and remarkable Tryal of a young Girl for murdering her own Mother by poyson. The Prosecution was grounded wholly upon upon her own voluntary Confession, and several worthy persons proved that she had acknowledged it to them; and also that she four several times had endeavoured to poyson a Lady with whom she lived, though through mercy she had recovered and was in health again: but that not immediately concerning the present Case, and the Girl denying the poisoning of her Mother now at the Bar, as likewise for that it did not appear that her Mother was at all poisoned, or any suspitio raised thereon, she was brought in not Guilty.

There were in all Ten burnt in the hand this Sessions. Two Men and five Women received sentence of Death, amongst whom that Monster who prostituted her self to a Dog was one; the rest Incorrigible Thieves) and Three for petty crimes ordered to be Whipt.

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